

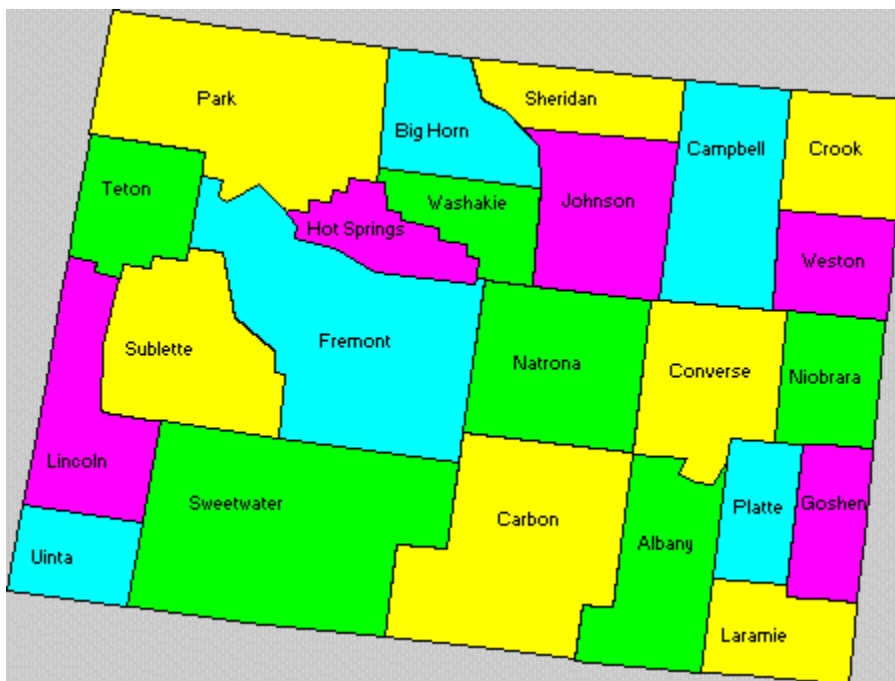
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Cheyenne, Wyoming

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Cheyenne, WY, is a community of nearly 60,000, located on the High Plains East of the Rocky Mountains. The capital city, Cheyenne is also home to the famous Cheyenne Frontier Days, the world's largest outdoor rodeo. It is situated in southeastern Wyoming, approx. 100 miles north of Denver, Colorado.
- The population of Laramie County was 78,872, according to the 1998 population estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The city of Cheyenne, Wyoming has a population of approximately 54,889, broken down as follows: White: 62,488, Black: 2,122, Hispanic: 7,310, American Indian: 470, Asian: 752
- Gender: Male 49.9% Female 50.1%²

Politics³

- Mayor: Leo A. Pando
- Chief of Police: John Powell

Programs/Initiatives

- The Cheyenne Police Department is a progressive agency of 84 sworn officers and 25 civilians. The Police Department works to serve the community with many innovative programs, such as a Citizens Police Academy. In this program, citizens attend a 13-week class, taught by officers from the Department, one night a week to get an overview of the Police Department operations and training. The Department also has many specialized units which officers can participate in. These include mounted patrols, both horse and mountain bike, a SWAT Team, a Hostage Negotiation Unit, a Special Enforcement Unit focusing on drug activity, a K-9 Unit, Arson and Explosives Investigative Unit, School Resource Officers and a Juvenile Crime Unit. Additionally there are civilian support services to include communications and records divisions, a Crime Lab, and a Victims Assistance Program.⁴

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In 1998, Cheyenne, Wyoming had a total of 2,512 index crimes.⁵

Offense	1998
Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	1
Forcible Rape	16
Robbery	12
Aggravated Assault	74
Burglary	211
Larceny/theft	2,085
Motor Vehicle Theft	104
Arson	9

Enforcement

- In 1998 Cheyenne, Wyoming employed 78 police officers and 27 civilians in law enforcement.⁶

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² City of Cheyenne Web site: <http://www.cheyennecity.org/>

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ FBI *Crime in the United States 1997*, October 1998

⁶ Ibid

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